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Wyandott Nation Ind. Ter. July 31st 1848

Dear Brother

Your welcome letter of the 10th of June came duly to hand. Much rejoiced indeed was I to hear from you, of your health. and your progress along the heavenly road.

My health is as it has been for some years past rather feeble. Still I have thought yet to travel about some and tell to our Brethren the riches of the love of Jesus. I have visited the Kickapoo above this several time. A great work has gloriously commenced among that people. One hundred and fifty have already joined the Church; the Kickapoo Prophet who has so long held out against the religion of the bible has renounced his pretensions and united himself to our Church.

Among our Shawnee friends there is no unusual indication but there is a faithful band of the true followers of our blessed Saviour. Our Delaware friends are steadily advancing in the divine way.

The last time I was at Kickapoo our worthy brother Paschal Fish informed ^{me} that they had unanimously decided to remain in the old M. E. Church. Brother Fish is the Missionary to the Kickapoo and firmly united to the north; he is an educated Shawnee. he preaches to the Shawnee, Delaware and Kickapoo without an interpreter. he is married to Kester Jane daughter of your old friend Isaac Jane. At a Quarterly

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As to which conference we should petition
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This paper I inclose to you and leave it
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She was the only daughter of Geo. D. Williams and
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As to our future Missionary, we shall
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In conclusion I would once more renew to
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Josiah Gray Eyes

Rev J. B. Finley

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